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SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SET FOR JULY 17

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¶1. As expected, the GOJ announced that municipal elections will be held July 17 (reftel). The April 18 announcement follows the Parliament's passage in March of a reformed municipal government law. As required under the new law, the Council of Ministers dissolved current municipal councils on April 17 and 18, and will appoint temporary governing committees to oversee each municipality until the new councils are elected.

¶2. The Ministry of Municipalities also published in the official gazette April 18, the new allocation of council seats to each town, along with the quota for women on each council. The breakdown for the larger municipalities was:

Irbid ) 30 members ( of which six must be women)  
Kerak ) 23 members (5 women)  
Zarqa ) 17 members (4 women)  
Salt ) 17 members (4 women)  
Tafileh ) 17 members (4 women)  
Madaba ) 14 members (3 women)  
Rusaifeh ) 14 members (3 women)  
Ma'an ) 12 members (3 women)  
Ajloun ) 12 member (3 women)  
Mafraq ) 12 members (3 women)

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